



MR S. P. MITCHELL,

Memphis, Tenn., President of the National Industrial Council of Ex-Slave Association.

THE EX-SLAVE PENSION LEADER BEFORE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PENSION COMMITTEE.

Mr. S. P. Mitchell, of Kentucky, President of the National Industrial Council of America and Chairman of the Civil Liberty Party, which has for its object the second Emancipation of the Negro, held a conference with Congressman Loudenslager, Chairman of the Pension Committee, last Tuesday. The object of Mr. Mitchell's conference was to impress the Chairman of the Committee with the importance of having the House Bill 1404 reported to the House for favorable consideration.

It is reported that at the beginning of the interview, Mr. Loudenslager was inclined to treat the matter lightly and seemed to regard the matter as political rather than racial, but when Mr. Mitchell had presented his case in a vigorous and comprehensive way, showing that the Pension Bill was calculated to divide the suffrage of the Negro in New Jersey and Ohio and other states at the next election, Mr. Loudenslager became serious and paid a tribute to Mr. Mitchell's manly stand and advised him to have the Bill presented to the Committee on appropriations.

The white papers in Washington, as well as the rest of the entire country, have given wide publicity of the proceedings of the Council from day to day, so that the public generally as well as every member of Congress, is well posted as to its objects and purposes. A new political party seems to be the result of the Council's session in this city and from all indications, the National Convention, which meets in Cincinnati, O., will be largely attended.

Mr. Mitchell desires that all persons who seek information of the Ex-Slave Pension Bill or the Civil Liberty Party, whose Convention will be held in Cincinnati, May 24th, should address S. P. Mitchell, Box 81, Washington, D. C. Literature sent free.—Send stamps for postage.

An Ovation in Texas.

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was perfected several weeks ago and committees on arrangement and appointments. The most representative colored citizens of the state

have found their way here and have paid the full meed of praise and honor to the great and unselfish leader. The day was crowded with incidents. Dr. Washington and Mr. Scott were met at the Grand Central depot by a reception committee of more than one hundred persons, while a vast horde of blacks and whites gathered to catch one glimpse of the distinguished leader. No such crowd has gathered to welcome a public man since former President McKinley was here two years ago. A banquet was tendered, a drive around the city arranged, a meeting held with leading white citizens out of which will grow a larger interest in the Negro and his welfare. In the afternoon an informal conference was held in the Auditorium of Trinity M. E. church, one of the most beautiful churches in the South, at which addresses were made by the visitors and also by a number of the most prominent and representative educators, business men, and public spirited citizens of the State. Here free interchange of opinion was had and out of it will grow larger enthusiasm, and more substantial service for the race on the part of these leaders of their people in this great State.

But more significant than all was the cordial and warm reception tendered Dr. Washington by the Houston Cotton Exchange, and Houston Commercial Club, the city's two representative business organizations on the floor of the Cotton Exchange, at which place Dr. Washington spoke by special invitation to the business men of Houston. The men who control the great business interests of this richest of Texas cities were proud to do honor to the honored representative of our people. It was an inspiring sight to see the man of dark visage surrounded on the floor of the mart of trade by the representatives of Commercial Houston. To say that Mr. Washington charmed and delighted his hearers is to feebly express the demonstrations of approval that were in evidence during and after his address. The appeal for his people, for mutual help, and sympathy and forbearance, was eloquent and will do good—indeed has already done good as was testified by the Houston Daily Post, the strongest newspaper in this section in reference to the occasion, the man and the event. Four and one-half columns of space were devoted to chronicling the events of the day and Dr. Washington's movements while in the city. At the Auditorium, the largest hall in the south-

perhaps, where he spoke at night, a mighty concourse of people gathered to listen to the formal address announced for delivery. Principal E. L. Blackshear, of the State Normal School for Negro Youth, welcomed the guest of the evening to the state; a representative of the city government delivered an address of welcome to the city, after which Dr. Washington was introduced by Mr. Scott from the very same platform upon which they met for the first time five and one-half years ago, and from which he performed a similar service at that time. Dr. Washington looked out upon a veritable sea of upturned faces and spoke for nearly two hours to his audience, composed of both races in nearly equal proportions.

At the conclusion an ovation of surpassing magnitude was given him. The cause of the race has been helped forward immeasurably by the presence of Dr. Washington, and his departure at night after so short a stay was regretted by blacks and whites alike—all of whom would have heard him longer and honored him more. He proceeded to California, where he is to spend fifteen days in speaking at various centers of the State, notably at Los Angeles before the California State Teachers' Association, Leland Stanford Junior University and the University of California.

It has been a great week for all Texans, and Dr. Washington's optimistic, sympathetic helpfulness, his good cheer and all, have put new life and spirit in those seeking to help forward the cause of the race in the State.

CITY IN BRIEF.

The weather bureau has not been kind to the various literaries this year.

Mrs. Harry Parker, of 1412 Pierce Place, is out after quite a siege of sickness.

Mrs. Mary Wiems, of 69 Defrees St., northwest, has returned after a pleasant visit with her parents in Compton, Md.

Mrs. James H. Washington, of 1526 Pierce Place, northwest, has been indisposed for several days.

Wm. A. Cornish, on a charge of violating section 391, United States Statutes, was sentenced to jail for one year.

Detective Henry Lacy fell from a railing at police headquarters last Sunday evening and injured his neck severely.

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Hon. George H. White was called to North Carolina this week and was consequently unable to fill his appointment to speak Tuesday evening before Bethel Literary and Historical Association.

Mr. Ohas. W. Anderson, New York's premier orator and supervisor of races is in the city for a few days the guest of Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback. He has just returned from a trip in the Virginias from a hunting expedition and where he visited friends and relatives.

The inclement weather again played havoc with the memorial meeting planned by President Scott in honor of Thomas B. Reed at the Second Baptist Lyceum. The only speaker who appeared was Register J. W. Lyons, and the affair was indefinitely postponed.

It appears that "Prof." Ferris will be answered. His unwarranted as-

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Please Help Me Find My Mother. Saunk Joyce was sold in Mecklenburg, Virginia several years before the civil war, to Cunningham a Negro trader. His mother, Willie, was a slave on the Joyce plantation. He had one sister Betty, who is very anxious to find him. Any information will be gladly received. Mrs. BETTY REYNOLDS, 44 Parker street, Atlanta, Ga.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, HOLDING A PROBATE COURT, No. 11,218, Administration.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE: That the subscriber of the District of Columbia has obtained from the Probate Court of the District of Columbia, Letters of Administration on the estate of Catherine Jordan late of the District of Columbia, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, legally authenticated to the subscriber, on or before the 9th day of January A. D. 1904, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 9 day of January, 1903.

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sult upon Dr. Booker T. Washington is to be the subject of an address on Sunday January 25 before Second Baptist Lyceum by Mr. R. W. Thompson and on the first Tuesday evening in February before Bethel Literary by Prof. Jesse Lawson, "The True Position of Dr. Washington on Education, Politics and Business" will be set forth in a strong, clear light by gentlemen well acquainted with his philosophy and methods.